

Resolution 19-101

Additional Testimony



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**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE,
TECHNOLOGY AND SUSTAINABILITY**

RE: **RESOLUTION 19-101- REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES TO PREPARE A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT
EVALUATING THE OPERATIONS OF LEEWARD COAST REFUSE DROP-OFF
FACILITIES AND RECOMMENDING IMPROVEMENTS**

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The Office of Representative Cedric Gates **STRONGLY SUPPORTS** RESOLUTION 19-101. This resolution requests the Department of Environmental Services to evaluate and report the inadequacy of operations at Leeward Coast refuse drop-off facilities. Such a report would serve as a critical road map to addressing many of the underlying factors that contribute to illegal dumping in our district of Wai'anae.

The limited operating hours and overly-strict limits on types of acceptable refuse materials at the Wai'anae Convenience Center seem to indirectly contribute to the increase of illegal dumping on the Wai'anae Coast.

Although not excusable, many individuals turn to illegal dumping when they experience or learn about the inadequacy of operations at the Wai'anae Convenience Center. Video surveillance captured by a neighboring property owner of the Wai'anae Convenience Center, consistently shows many individuals illegal dumping items outside their property, right after being turned away from the convenience center. In contrast, law-abiding citizens who get turned away from the convenience center are forced to store their discarded items or seek other legal options outside of the Wai'anae Coast.

RESOLUTION 19-101 has the potential to help our community identify and address some of the critical underlying factors that indirectly contribute to illegal dumping in our community. The Wai'anae Convenience Center is an invaluable asset to our community.

Therefore, the Office of Representative Cedric Gates **STRONGLY SUPPORTS** RESOLUTION 19-101.

Mahalo nui for your consideration in passing this measure.